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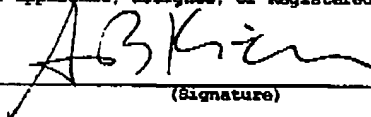
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2001 for One(1) month(s) from September 29, 2001 to October 29, 2001. A Notice of Appeal responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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